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#### PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN TICKET

For President

THEODORE ROOSEVELT of New York For Vice-President HIRAM JOHNSON of California

#### ABSOLVED FROM FRIENDSHIP.

Theodore Roosevelt, because he is not supporting President Taft and has the temerity to say that he will make the race himself if sufficiently arged, is being widely branded as an ingrate and false friend by those who are so warped of mind as to have a distorted perception of the duties of citizenship.

Commenting on the charge of the Standpatters that Roosevelt has proved a traiter to Taft, a writer in the Denver News says; "Surely even the most rabid anti-Rooseveit man will not be deceived by this utterly stupid claim, for if a human being was absolved from all obligations of friendship to another, such absolution was given Theodore Roosevelt by William H. Taft. No one questions the fact that Mr. Roosevelt picked Mr. Taft up and placed him in the presidential chair just as a mother lifts a child and puts it in the crib. Nor is there denial that Mr. Taft from the very day of his inauguration, flouted Mr. Roosevelt's friends, exalted his

enemies, and made direct and continued attack upon what were known as the "Roosevelt policies."

All of which, as a matter of course, was well within Mr. Taft's, right, but just as he exercised the privilege to act as he pleased, without regard to former affiliations, just so did he restore Mr. Roosevelt's right to act as HE pleased. And now that Mr. Roosevelt is availing himself of the privilege, it comes with poor grace indeed from the Taft supporters to cry "treachery" and "ingratitude." Mr. Roosevelt, it must be remembered, is standing where he

I always stood, while Mr. Taft's present position is a repudiation of the stand that carried him into the office he now holds.

"What we must do, if we are to win political cleanliness, is to place a ban on these evil absurdities of 'loyalty' and 'treachery that take no account of anything but the spoils, and are without consideration of the great public interests involved."

#### NAGGING THE MEXICANS.

Writing from Ely to the Salt Lake Tribune, G. L. Shelton takes much the same view of the Mexican situation as we do. He says:

Editor Tribune:-I wish to take exception to your editorial in yesterday's Tribune re Mexican conditions I don't believe you have been there and sabe them. I have put in most of the last twelve years in Northern Mexico: have worked hundreds of them in various parts, and have traveled upwards of 20,000 miles mule back there. And in all of the parts that I am familiar with there is not the anti-American feeling that you claim; it will not exceed five per cent. They nearly all realize that Mexico has not the capital, and are glad to see the Americans come in and buy their mines and lands. The Mexican rarely has anything that he will not sell. The poorer laboring classes want the work, and know from experience that they fare better with the Americans than their own people. It is mostly the street hoodlums in the large cities that cry "Mexico par los Mexicans." I will admit that when paid too large a wage they (some of them) are not anxious to work all the time; one needs more on the payroll then. When properly handled-worked by task work when possible-don't cuss, damn, and knock them down-you will get more work out of them than the Greeks, Italiaus, and foreign element here.

It is more of a brigandage in various parts now than any general revolution; it has no regular head or systematized campaign, so far. There is still another element, the Latin-American races, who for generations have always been in revolt. The iron hand of Porfiro Diaz kept them down for years. It broke out last year, and it is hard to quite settle down again; and so far Madero has not shown the firmness of Diaz-that's all they need.

Of course, there will be ill feeling and hatred if the United States should enter Mexico. Don't you think we would feel the same if some power one hundred times stronger than us should interfere in our affairs? All that is necessary now, I believe, is for Taft to say, "You must make Mexico safe and stable for all foreigners to transact their business in three or four months, or we will intervene." With the billion of American capital in Mexico, and another billion of English, German, and French capital, we must either do this or back down on the Monroe doctrine soon. There is no antipathy and ill feeling against cauital there as here. One is always made welcome in every house in Mexico; this is more so in the interior than near the border and old railroad lines.

Don't theorize on something you don't sabe, and try to educate your readers in mistaken facts.

Taft's nagging and bulldozing tactics, his display of a large armed force on the border, his poorly concealed threats of invasion, his reflection on Mexican trustworthiness by warning Amerseans to get out of the country, his willingness to accept wild rumors as fact, all have had a bad effect on the Mexican people and have done much to lay the foundation for ill-feeling and distrust.

The Mexicans are justified in looking on Taft's every move with suspicion and, if the lower classes do not develop a strong antipathy for Americans, it will not be Taft's fault.



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#### THE TARIFF DAWG SONG

Roosevelt, Bryan, La Follette, Champ Clark and "all men like them" are condemned as demagogues by the Wall Street Journal in an editorial based on the "Dawg Song." That paper says:

> Here is the immortal lyric: Every time I come to town The boys get to kicking my dawg aroun',

Makes no difference if he is a houn'

They gotta quit kicking my dawg aroun' A little physcological study of this pleasing ballad of the Southwest should enlighten those persons who merely work for their living and lay by something out of their incomes. It will be observed how the shiftless, loafer-like note of the song exactly fits the elements among which the present discontent is chiefly fostered. The singer is that hopeless mixture of whining shiftlessness and sulky discontent which denotes a steadily increasing class of unem-

The singer uses in his complaint the favorite impersonal word of the Champ Clarks, the Bryans, the La Follettes, the Roosevelts: "They" (person carefully never specified) have got to stop doing something which the victim should have courage enough to resist or character enough to

ployables once virtually unknown in this country.

Observe the keynote of the whole thing, and how it refleets every theory of modern demagoguery. It is always 'they''; all the bankers, all the railroads, all the capital-

The song is the note of unsuccess, of the failure who admits he is a failure, and seeks to shift the burden of blame. He is worthless for every purpose but one-he can vote. There are, unfortunately, plenty of him; and while there are, we shall find statesmen willing to use him.

In the same mail with the foregoing, which tends to prove that party or person with a song so filled with whining cannot be classed as anything but worthless, there was received from the "American ic-stricken man went to the cradle Protective Tariff League," an auxiliary of the Standpat Repub-

lican forces, the following, to which we direct the attention of th organ of the predatory rich for analysis and comparison.

THEY GOTTA QUIT KICKING THE TARIFF DOWN. Statesmen, when they get to town, Start a kickin' the Tariff round;

They're runnin' it 'way into the ground; They gotta quit knockin' the Tariff down.

They knock, and knock and knock it 'round, Ad valorem and by the pound; Makes no difference tho' our doctrine's sound, They gotta quit knockin' the Tariff down.

Business they are tryin' to drown, With lies and arguments unsound; The Tariff gives us 'nuff to go 'round They gotta quit knockin' the Tariff down.

Traitors to American ground, Who treat their best friend like a hound, Will sure get theirs in the rebound;

They'd better quit knockin' the Tariff down.

There is a whine that is a whine.

Will the Wall Street Journal please note the impersonal "they" in this "tariff" dawg song, and will the Wall Street paper please observe that human kind, whether from Arkansas or Wall street, is very much the same in finding words to vent complaints, and that a narrow philosophizer, like the editor of the Journal, is too prone to see all good in his own particular set and nothing good in those not of his particular bent of mind!

The husband arrived home much | later than usual "from the office." He ook his boots off and stole into the bedroom, but, vain precaution! His wife began to stir. Quickly the panof his first born and began to rock it

"What are you doing there, Rob-ert?" queried his wife, "I've been sitting here for nearly two hours trying to get this baby asleep," he growled. "Why, Robert, I've got him here in bed with me," said his spouse. Lon-

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## NEW MEXICO WILL

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 7. Two Republican state conventions are to be held in Santa Fe tomorrow In response to calls issued by the chairman of both the progressive and regular wings of the party, primaries and county conventions have been held in most of the 26 counties of New Mexico and all of them are expected to send delegates to both conentions. The so-called regulars are divided as between Tait and Roose velt, and it is senerally believed that an uninstructed delegation will be

The progressives, with few excepons, are for Roosevelt and will send a Roosevelt delegation to the Nation-

An effort will be made when the onvention meets tomorrow to join the rival factions and bring the progressive Republicans back into the regular party organization. It is impossible to predict the result of the harmony move, though leaders on both sides profess to believe that it can

he accomplished New Mexico is entitled to eight delegates in the Chicago convention. JUDGE M. M. WARNER

IS EXALTED RULER Annual Election of Salt Lake Lodge Elks Held Last Evening-D. W. Gibbs Secretary.

SALT LAKE, March 7 .- One of the most enthusiastic meetings of the year of members of Sait Lake Lodge No. 85, B. P. O. Elks was held in the lodge rooms last evening, the fea-ture of the occasion being the annual election of officers for the ensuing year The balloting began at 9 30 but final choice for officers was not announced until nearly midnight. Rivalry was keen but friendly, es-pecially for the office for secretary,

for which there were eight candi-Judge M. M. Warner, one of the nost prominent members of the lodge, was elected exalted ruler to succeed Dr S. Ewing. The other candidates for this position were Dana T. Smith and E. F. Annis. Judge Warner was elected on the first bal-lot. Three ballots were required before a secretary was elected. By the withdrawal of candidates after the first and second ballots the field was left to A. W. Raybould and D. W. Gibbs, and the latter won. Mr. Gibbs is manager of the Salt Lake exchange of the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company and is one of the best known Elks in Utah. The other officers chosen were set follows:

officers chosen were as follows:
Esteemed leading knight, W. H.
Nightingale; esteemed royal knight,
W. S. Rand; esteemed lecturing
knight, T. M. Ivory, treasurer, H. M.
Chamberlain. Chamberlain; trustee, F. L. Gardner; tyler, S. J. Swyers, representative to the grand lodge, Dr. S. Ewing, alternate, James W. Collins. The outgoing officers are: Dr. S. Ewing, exalted ruler: E. F. Annis, leading knight; W. S. Taylor, lecturing knight; W. F. Culmer, secretary, and P. H. W. F. Culmer, secretary, and P. H. Hopkins, treasurer W. H. Nightingale, the new leading knight, was formerly loyal knight.

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